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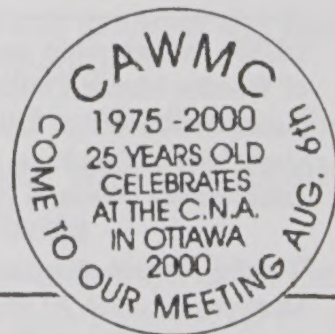
CLIPPINGS FROM THE PAST:

This year's C.N.A. convention in Ottawa (Aug. 2 - 6), which may be history by the time you receive this newsletter, will no doubt see many "personal" wooden money tokens issued to recognize the *50th anniversary of the Canadian Numismatic Association* and as well the *25th anniversary of our own Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC)*. In this month's reprint from the past (on page four), the late Norm Wells writes about "Personal Issues" in his 1977 column in the Canadian Coin News paper. The article highlights several woods personally issued by people, many of whom were wood collectors, at that time. Two names mentioned in the article are still CAWMC members today, they being *Garry Braunwarth (C01)* and *Leslie Copan (C04)*, both CAWMC charter members.

By the way, does anyone know what the letters YCDBSOYA stand for? I'll print the answer if you let me know.

CAWMC ANNUAL MEETING AT C.N.A. CONVENTION:

Our Association holds its annual get-together at the yearly Canadian Numismatic Association convention, this year in *Ottawa, Ontario*. The *breakfast meeting* will take place on **Sunday, August 6th** beginning at **8:00 a.m.** Since this is the Association's 25th anniversary, this meeting is expected to be a very popular one. At this time, your editor is aware of at least twenty new wooden money issues that will be passed about freely at this meeting. Be aware that tickets for the meeting must be purchased in advance. Hope to see you there.



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR WOOD LISTING:

This newsletter's pages five and six contain the next two pages of CAWMC member *Eric Jensen's* wood listing of *Newfoundland and Labrador Woods*. The final two pages of his listing will be printed next month.

COLLINGWOOD COIN AND STAMP CLUB ANNUAL SHOW:

This annual show will be held on **Saturday AUGUST 19th 2000** between 10a.m. and 4 p.m., at the **Leisure Time Club at Minnesota Street** in Collingwood. Admission and parking free. Contact Steve @ 705 - 429-4094 or tbg@bconnex.net.



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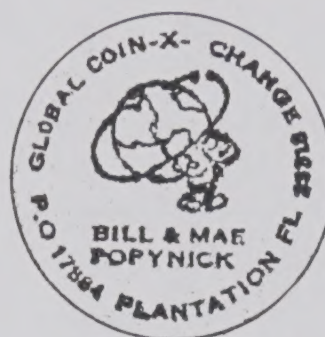
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 \$20.00 Canadian funds

Youth (16 years of age and under)- \$5.00

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 Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



Our free wood this month has been donated by Bill and Mae Popynick of Global Coin - X - Change of Plantation, Florida. This wood was distributed to people who visited their table on the bourse floor at the 1995 Canadian Numismatic Association convention held in Calgary, Alberta. The wood is purple in colour on both sides. Thank you Bill and Mae for this donation to our membership.

PRINCE GEORGE B.C. \$3.00 WOODEN TOKEN:

by Jerry Remick

In June, the Prince George, British Columbia Chamber of Commerce issued its year 2000, \$3.00 municipal trade token printed on white spruce, three inches in diameter and 1/4 inch in thickness. For many years now, this has been the largest wooden trade token issued in Canada.

In the local Prince George area, the wood sells for \$3.00. Most woods are not redeemed for merchandise, but are kept as souvenirs by tourists and collectors.

The obverse side, printed in blue ink, commemorates the Scott Tournament of Hearts women's curling tournament, which was held in Prince George this past winter.

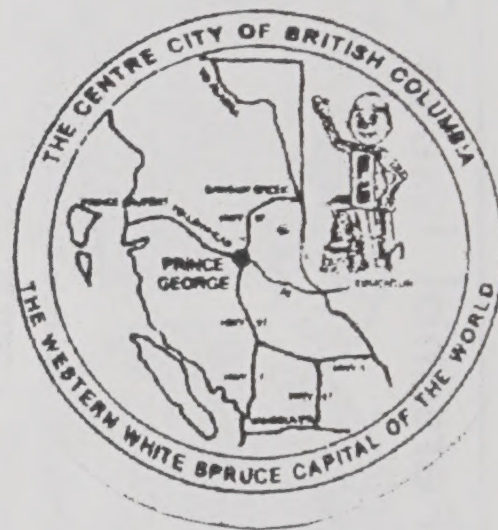
The central design shows four hearts with 2000 / PRINCE GEORGE printed just above them and THE SCOTT / TOURNAMENT / OF HEARTS printed just below them. An incomplete oval frames this design. ISSUE / #152 is at the left, VALUE / \$3.00 is at the right and EXPIRES DEC 00 is below the design. PRINCE GEORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is around the top of the token while NEGOTIABLE ONLY FOR MERCHANDISE / BY VISITORS TO THE WHITE SPRUCE CAPITAL is around the bottom.

The reverse side, printed in black, shows the usual map of British Columbia indicating where Prince George is situated. The mascot of Prince George, a wooden man made of spruce, called Mr. P.G., is shown in the upper right corner. The inscription around the outer part of the token reads THE CENTRE CITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA THE WESTERN WHITE SPRUCE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

Mark Johnson designed the wood and the Wayne's Country Wood Shop of Prince George printed the woods. It is noticed that the wooden tokens are cut on the cross grain of the heart of the log, showing the heart and rings. Five hundred wooden tokens were printed.

This is the 152nd issue of the large spruce municipal tokens issued by the Prince George Chamber of Commerce. Their first was issued in 1958. At first, the token was sold locally for \$1.00 and more recently for \$2.00. The first \$3.00 token was issued in 1999.

This token is available, postpaid, for \$5.45 Canadian or \$3.87 U.S. from the Prince George Chamber Of Commerce, Att'n Louise Lissoway, 770 Brunswick St., Prince George, B.C. Can. V2L 2C2. Telephone (250) 562 - 2454 or fax (250) 562 - 6510. Specimens of a few back issues are still available.



Canadian Wood Chips: Personal Issues Create Interest



By Norman E. Wells

Personal wood issues, wooden tokens issued by individuals, are an interesting aspect of Canadian wooden money.

There have been many interesting personal wood issues, some more personal than others — such as C.F. Martin's of Sudbury, Ont., with his photograph on it. Chuck Martin is a well-known numismatist and

owner of the Sudbury Coin Shop.

Another interesting piece was the hospitality coin issued in 1967 by Gord Astle of London, Ont. He also had his picture on it.

A.M. MacDonald of Halifax, N.S., issued several home-made "Penny" woods from 1961 to 1967 in various sizes and designs.

Nelson G. Boltz, another well-known numismatist, had from Spryfield, N.S., had several interesting and original issues. These included his Un Sou and five cents of 1962 and 1963, a special Crown Centennial Wood in 1967 and a one-bit small wood issued in 1969 and 1972.

In 1958, J. Douglas Ferguson of Rock Island, Que., had 50 wooden nickels made. This is the smallest recorded issue of Canadian wooden money. Mr. Ferguson is very well known as one of the most distinguished men in the history of Canadian numismatics.

Pat Patterson of North Bay, Ont., who handled sales and service for mine hoist



Canadian Wood Chips wooden nickel

and drilling equipment, had two issues of wooden nickels. On the obverse of one of these pieces, under the Indian Head, are the letters YCDBSOYA. Can anyone inform me as to what these mysterious letters represent?

Roy Stewart from London, Ont., helped our neighbors to the south celebrate their bicentennial last year — he issued a special Happy Birthday U.S.A. wood.

In 1965, well-known Toronto numismatist and numismatic writer, Bob Aaron, issued 200 pieces minted by the Village Mint.

Gus Ferguson of Windsor, Ont., issued a wooden token as part of his campaign for



governor of the local Kinmen Club in 1972.

Cec Tannihill, formerly of Regina, Sask., was president of the Canadian Numismatic Association in 1959 when he issued a special Christmas wood. A picture of this piece was shown in the Canadian Wood Chips column in the Dec. 20, 1976 issue of Canadian Coin News.

Frank Harding of Laura, Sask., who specializes in medals and tokens of Saskatchewan, has issued one personal wooden tokens. The first was "Good for a cup of coffee" while the second was awarded out at the 1973 CNA convention in Saskatoon.

A token good for 25 cents in trade was issued by Art Zacherl of North Battleford, Sask. The pieces were meant for redemption at his table during the CNA show or the American Numismatic Association convention.

Garry Braunwarth, of Calgary, Alta., president of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors and editor of its official publication, Timber Talk, has issued several tokens.



Mysterious letters



Campaign token



In 1974, Garry issued a special piece for distribution at the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors convention in Columbus, Ohio. A similar token was distributed at the 1976 CNA show in Ottawa. Other issues produced by Garry include several Christmas woods, of which pictures of some appeared in the Dec. 20, 1976 Canadian Coin News.

Garth Lynch of Calgary has had two interesting issues, one of which was a Horsetrading piece good for \$5 on the holders next purchase.

A most original wood was issued in 1972 by Leslie D. Copan of Vancouver, B.C. Commemorating the birth of his first grandchild, the obitoken featured on the reverse the inscription First Grandchild, Robert James Henry, 7 lbs., 8 ozs., June 3, 1972. The reverse read Good For One Cigar, Vancouver, B.C.

Several insurance agents have issued personal woods. These include those issued by Thomas Beckett of Don-

Mills, Ont., marking his 20th year in the business in 1976; one by Gerald C. Willis of Edmonton, Alta., in 1958; and a 1957 issue by R. "Lefty" Eshpeter of Lethbridge, Alta.

There are two other personal issues that I almost forgot about. I issued one in 1975 for the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, and Medals and Tokens and I have just issued another one featuring the title of this column, Canadian Wood Chips.

The Canadian Wood Chips token is available to any interested collector sending me any other Canadian wooden token and a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

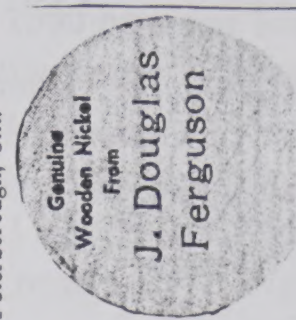
There may be some other personal wooden tokens that I have omitted. I would appreciate receiving information on any that are not mentioned here.

INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding Canadian wooden money, or if you know of any new issues, please write Norman E. Wells, Box 943, Peterborough, Ont.



Lowest mintage Canadian token



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WOODS

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Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: Sundance Saloon
 No. Issued: 500 Value: 10 Free Wings
 Date: 1998 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R1 Colour: Red / Red



Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: Sundance Saloon
 No. Issued: 500 Value: VIP Pass
 Date: 1998 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R1 Colour: Red / Red



Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: Sutton - Shirley Burgess
 No. Issued: _____ Value: _____
 Date: 1999 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R1 Colour: Red / Red



Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: Sundance Saloon
 No. Issued: 2000 Value: Coat Check
 Date: 1998 Dia. 50 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R1 Colour: Red



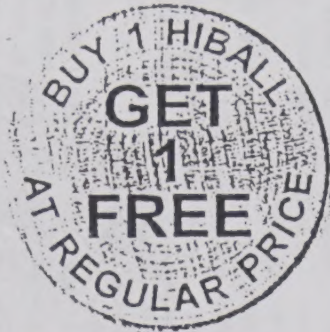
Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: The Spur
 No. Issued: _____ Value: Free Beer
 Date: 1999 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R1 Colour: Black / Black



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
WOODS

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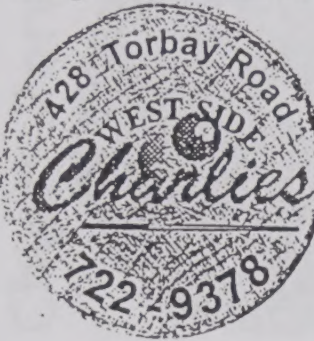
Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: West Side Charlies
 No. Issued: _____ Value: Free Hiball
 Date: 1998 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R 1 Colour: Black-Red/Black



Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: West Side Charlies
 No. Issued: _____ Value: Free Hiball
 Date: 1998 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R 1 Colour: Black-Red/Black



Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: West Side Charlies (error)
 No. Issued: _____ Value: Free Hiball
 Date: 1998 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R 1 Colour: Black-Red/Black



Location: St. John's
 Wood Title: West Side Charlies
 No. Issued: _____ Value: \$3.00 Off
 Date: 1998 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R 1 Colour: Black-Red/Black



Location: Torbay
 Wood Title: Avalon Kitchen Cabinets
 No. Issued: _____ Value: _____
 Date: 1998 Dia. 38 mm Shape: Round
 Rating: R 1 Colour: Red / Red



Location: _____
 Wood Title: _____
 No. Issued: _____ Value: _____
 Date: _____ Dia. _____ mm Shape: _____
 Rating: _____ Colour: _____